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URBAN DISTRICT OF WOMBWELL.

REPORT ON THE HEALTH AND THE SANITARY ADMINISTRATION OF  
THE URBAN DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 1940.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Wombwell  
Urban District Council.

Councillor Mrs. Mellor and Gentlemen,

This is my twenty-first Annual Report on the Health of  
the Urban District.

The Ministry of Health desires that the report should be  
a short one on account of the war, giving mainly the statistics.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. PICKUP.

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

Population estimated by Registrar General for 1940 (mid-year)	17,060
Excess of Births over Deaths for 1940	107
Number of houses occupied at the end of 1940	4,888
Rateable Value	£62,229
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£231.13.2

BIRTHS.	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	310	157	153
Illegitimate	9	3	6
Birth Rate	18.6 per 1,000 (England and Wales was 14.6)		

DEATHS.

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Death Rate of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births:-			
Legitimate	46.5	Illegitimate	Nil
			Total 46.5
Deaths from Measles	0		
Deaths from Whooping Cough	0		
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	1(0.05)		
Adjusted Death Rate	14.2		
Death Rate, Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	7	{ 0.41	per 1,000
Death Rate, Zymotic Diseases	2	{ 0.1	per 1,000
Death Rate, Respiratory Diseases	44	{ 2.5	per 1,000
Death Rate from Cancer	29	{ 1.6	per 1,000



## NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

This year's population gives an average number of persons per house of 3.4.

The estimated population in the various wards of the Urban District is given below:-

S.E.	S.W.	C.	N.	H.
2233	5496	3127	2537	3667

During the year 7 cases were admitted into, and 7 cases discharged from, Sanatoria.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

## BIRTHS.

The excess of births over deaths, or what is generally spoken of as "the natural increase of population" was 107. The balance on the year's working was therefore 0.62 per cent. of the whole population.

The distribution of the births in the Wards is as follows:-

	S.E.	S.W.	C.	N.	H.
Males	19	56	24	28	33
Females	23	48	35	23	30
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	42	104	59	51	63

Of the total births, 9 (3 males and 6 females) or 2.8 per cent. were registered as being illegitimate.

## DEATHS.

The total deaths amounted to 212, including deaths of residents dying outside the district and excluding non-residents who died in the district. They consisted of 114 males and 98 females.

Distributed in Wards they were:-

	S.E.	S.W.	C.	N.	H.
Males	15	42	16	17	24
Females	4	38	15	13	28
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	19	80	31	30	52

This gives a total death rate of 12.4 (adjusted to 14.2) per 1,000 as against 14.3 for England and Wales.

## DEATHS IN QUARTERS.

90 for the first quarter, 47 for the second quarter, 41 for the third quarter, and 34 for the fourth quarter.



## CAUSES OF DEATH.

Death Rate 1940.	Disease.	No. of Deaths in 1940.	Increase or decrease compared with 1939.	Death Rate 1939.
0.0	Enteric Fever	0	same	0.0
0.0	Smallpox	0	same	0.0
0.0	Measles	0	same	0.0
0.0	Scarlet Fever	0	same	0.0
0.0	Whooping Cough	0	same	0.0
0.05	Diphtheria	1	—	0.11
0.7	Influenza	12	+	0.16
0.41	Phthisis	7	—	0.55
0.05	Other Tuberculous Disease	1	—	0.11
1.6	Cancer	29	+	1.1
0.05	Rheumatic Fever	1	same	0.05
0.0	Meningitis (Meningococcal)	0	same	0.0
0.35	Cerebral Haemorrhage	6	—	0.5
2.22	Organic Heart Disease	38	—	2.69
0.93	Bronchitis	16	+	0.05
1.1	Pneumonia	20	+	0.55
0.46	Other Disease of Respiratory Organs	8	+	0.28
0.05	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under two years)	1	+	0.0
0.05	Appendicitis	1	—	0.16
0.05	Cirrhosis of Liver	1	same	0.05
0.41	Nephritis	7	+	0.32
0.0	Puerperal Sepsis	0	same	0.0
0.1	Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	2	+	0.05
0.45	Congenital Debility and Malformation including Premature Birth	8	same	0.45
0.52	Violent Deaths	9	+	0.39
0.05	Suicide	1	same	0.05
0.84	Other Defined Diseases	15	same	0.84
0.16	Peptic Ulcer	3	—	0.22
0.22	Diabetes	4	+	0.11
1.23	Ill Defined Diseases	21	+	0.84
12.4		212	+	9.7
(adjusted to 14.2)			(Adjusted to 12.5)	

There were 13 inquiries held by the Coroner in Wombwell during the year (being 6.1 per cent. of the total deaths).

Post Mortem Examinations were carried out in 16 cases.

Of still born babies (20) there were 10 interred at Wombwell Cemetery, and 2 at Hemingfield Cemetery. The number of still born babies notified was 8.

The causes of Infantile Deaths were as follows:-  
Premature Births 2, Pneumonia 5, Cardiac Disease and Asphyxia 2 each, Bronchitis, Spina Bifida and Cerebral Haemorrhage 1 each.

## Infantile Deaths in Wards.

	S.E.	S.W.	C.	N.	H.
Males	—	5	—	2	—
Females	1	5	—	1	1
	1	10	—	3	1

There was no Illegitimate Death during the year.





## WARD STATISTICS.

	S.E.	S.W.	C.	N.	H.
Approximate Population	2233	5496	3127	2537	3667
All Deaths	19	80	31	30	52
Death Rate	8.5	14.5	9.9	11.8	14.1
Births	42	104	59	51	63
Birth Rate	18.8	18.9	18.8	20.1	17.1
Infantile Deaths	1	10	-	3	1
Infantile Death Rate (per 1,000 births)	23.8	96.1	-	58.8	15.8

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The causes of Zymotic Disease were as follows:

Scarlet Fever	-
Diphtheria	1
Whooping Cough	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1
Smallpox	-
Measles	-
Enteric Fever	-

Under the Infectious Disease Notification Act there were notified 664 cases of Infectious Disease as follows:

Scarlet Fever 65 (34 males and 31 females.)  
 Diphtheria 24 (13 males and 11 females)  
 Puerperal Pyrexia 3 (3 females.)  
 Whooping Cough 2 (2 females.)  
 Erysipelas 21 (9 males and 12 females.)  
 Measles 472 (210 males and 262 females.)  
 Pneumonia 52 (34 males and 18 females.)  
 Tuberculosis (Respiratory) 14 (8 males and 6 females.)  
 Tuberculosis (Non Respiratory) 9 (4 males, 5 females.)  
 Ophthalmia Neonatorum 2

## Notifications of Infectious Diseases in Wombwell in 1940.

	Removed to Hospital	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	17	-
Diphtheria	24	1
Erysipelas	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-
Pneumonia	-	20
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-
Phthisis	-	7
Other Tuberculosis Diseases	-	1

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.


No action was taken during the year under the Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62 or 73.

## WATER SUPPLY.

The supply of water to all parts of the town is regular and adequate.

## RIVERS AND STREAMS.

No new pollution of any rivers and streams was noticed during the year.



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## SWIMMING BATHS

The baths have been closed from the 1st September, 1939, as the baths are now used as a First Aid Post. Samples of water taken previously showed a high standard of purification.

## SCHOOLS.

The Sanitary condition of the schools in the district is good.

## NEO-NATAL DEATHS.

The number of deaths of Infants in the first month of life was 7.

## MATERNAL MORTALITY.

One case occurred during the year.

## ANTENATAL CLINIC.

51 clinics were held through the year, 193 women made 1327 attendances, giving an average of 26 per session.

## SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE HEALTH VISITING.

## Births.

First Visits	295
Re-visits during the year	1908
Re-visits over the first year	4664
Ante-Natal Visits	288
Still Births Visits	8
Other Visits	240
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## MATERNITY &amp; CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

At the Wombwell Infant Clinic, where 50 sessions were held there have attended 3984 children, a weekly average of 79.7, 256 new babies have joined, 237 of these being under one year and 19 over that age. The doctor examined 1279 children during the year, an average of 26 per session.

At the Jump Infant Clinic, where 51 sessions were held, 41 new babies have joined during the year, 39 of these being under one year, and 2 over that age, there were 1269 attendances, an average of 25 weekly, and 505 were examined by the doctor, the average per session being 10.

## HOME HELPS.

This system although adopted by you and proved to be very satisfactory is very little used.

## ARTIFICIAL LIGHT CENTRE FOR NON-TUBERCULAR CHILDREN UNDER SCHOOL AGE.

During 1940, there were 102 sessions and 2304 attendances.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. Pickup.



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## SANITARY INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1940.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Wombwell  
Urban District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a very brief report of the work carried out in the department during the year ended 1940.

As I told you in my last Annual Report the work in the department became considerably curtailed on account of the duties devolving upon me as A.R.P. Co-ordinating Officer and Officer in Charge of Report Centre, which duties have by no means decreased, and these in addition to the Assistant Sanitary Inspector J. Finney and the Chief Clerk in the department joining H. M. Forces, have given the Medical Officer and myself much concern by reason of not being able to attend to routine work. Current complaints, nuisances, public cleansing and salvage have taken up most of the time I have been able to give to my regular duties as your Sanitary Inspector.

### TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS.

There are only four of these structures occupied within the township. With regard to the one at Kitroyd, Jump, the position is the same as when I made my last report. The brick bungalow, then in course of erection, has gone up as far as the footings. At the time of writing, statutory proceedings had been instituted by the Council against the occupier.

### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

There is no change in this position. The percentage of closets on the water carriage system is 98.5.

### DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

There are 15 farms within the district upon which milk is produced. One Tuberculin Tested (Certified) and 6 Accredited Licences are in force.

12 Visits have been made to these premises during the year.

### PURVEYORS OF MILK.

There are 25 purveyors of milk on the registers which include local farmers.

No samples of milk were taken either for bacteriological or chemical analysis during the year.

### SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are 11 privately owned slaughter houses within the township but slaughtering ceased after the first two weeks in the year. 32 visits were made during this period.



## MEAT INSPECTION.

Carcases examined were 21 bullocks, 21 cows and heifers, 28 sheep and 53 pigs.

Meat condemned was 5 beasts' livers affected with distomatosis, 1 head and tongue and 2 sets of lungs with tuberculosis, 1 sheep's liver with worms, 1 pig's mesentery with tuberculosis and two badly bruised pig hocks.

## FOOD PREMISES AND SHOPS.

52 visits were made to premises and shops where food is prepared or stored for sale and 86 visits were made to your markets.

From these, one hindquarter of bonetainted and decomposing beef, 74 pounds of rancid bacon, 2 mouldy legs of lambs, 31 tins of pineapple and 8 tins of steak and kidney were surrendered.

The meat was returned to the distributing centres and the canned foods were destroyed.

## NUISANCES.

Of 370 nuisances investigated and needing abatement, 341 were satisfactorily dealt with. 182 informal notices were served and 154 were complied with.

They consisted of minor housing repairs, defective drainage, burst water services, defective sanitary fittings, etc.

## SCAVENGING AND CLEANSING.

This is carried out entirely by the Council's own staff. During the year 3577 loads of refuse were collected and all of this, with the exception of a few loads to allotment holders, was disposed of by controlled tipping at Brampton and Jump.

It is estimated that the 3577 loads weighed 7320 tons.

	Tons.	Cwts.
The estimated weight collected per 1,000 houses	1497	10.9
The estimated weight collected per day per 1,000 houses	4	1.8
The average estimated weight collected from each house	1	9.9
The estimated weight collected per 1,000 population	429	1.5
The estimated weight collected per day per 1,000 pop. .	1	3.4
The average estimated weight collected per head of pop.	-	8.6

## SCAVENGING COSTS.

	Collection			Disposal			Total		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Gross Costs	3132	-	-	730	-	-	3862	-	-
Income	432	-	-	270	-	-	702	-	-
Nett Costs	2700	-	-	460	-	-	3160	-	-
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cost per 1,000 houses	552	7	5.5	94	2	1.9	646	9	7.4
Cost per 1,000 houses per day	1	10	2.2	-	5	1.7	1	15	3.9
Cost per 1,000 of population	158	5	3.5	26	19	3.3	185	4	6.8
Cost per 1,000 of pop. per day	-	8	7.7	-	1	5.7	-	10	1.4
Cost per estimated ton	-	7	4.5	-	1	3.1	-	8	7.6
Average Cost per day	7	7	6.5	1	5	1.6	8	12	8.1





The cost per ton of refuse collected has increased by nearly elevenpence over 1939. Several causes contributed to this, but the principle one is the increase in labour which had to be employed in the collection of salvage.

Income was derived from salvage £650 and £52 from the collection of trade refuse.

#### SALVAGE.

The following articles were salvaged and sold up to the end of March, 1941.

	Tons	Cwts.
Waste Paper	11½	4
Scrap Iron	26	-
Loose Tins	63	3
Non-Ferrous Metals	2	3
Bottles	2	6
Jars	6	14
Rags	4	9
Kitchen Waste	3	-
Household Bones	3	12
Fish Waste	1	-

#### SLUM CLEARANCE.

There are still ten families living in houses that were condemned prior to receiving Housing Circular No. 186 dated 8th September, 1939.

I desire to record my appreciation of the support received from the Public Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health, the help generously given as required by the Clerk of the Council, the Chief Officials of other departments, the two Clerks in the Public Health Department and also to the Workmen engaged on public cleansing who have willingly co-operated in the collection of salvage, and to the Women's Voluntary Services for their part in helping to further the effort to salvage the maximum amount of materials which can be used to prosecute the war to a successful conclusion.

I am Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. WARD,

Sanitary Inspector and  
Cleansing Superintendent.

